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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration, in view of the following remarks:

Remarks

In the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-18 and claim 19. The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-7 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11 and 13-18 of co-pending application no. 09/083,943 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,428,738) in view of the U.S. Patent to Smith 6,187,233 and Nakamura, et al. 5,614,146. The Examiner provisionally rejected claim 8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 19 of co-pending application no. 09/083,943 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,428,738) in view of the U.S. Patent to

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